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Friday, 6 January 1995, 12.45 p.m.
New York

President:	Mr. Cárdenas	(Argentina)
Members:	Botswana	Mr. Legwaila
	China	Mr. Li Zhaoxing
	Czech Republic	Mr. Rovensky
	France	Mr. Mérimée
	Germany	Mr. Henze
	Honduras	Mr. Martinez Blanco
	Indonesia	Mr. Wisnumurti
	Italy	Mr. Fulci
	Nigeria	Mr. Ayewah
	Oman	Mr. Al-Khussaiby
	Russian Federation	Mr. Sidorov
	Rwanda	Mr. Munyampeta
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir David Hannay
	United States of America	Mr. Gnehm

Agenda

The situation in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina

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The meeting was called to order at 12.45 p.m.

Expression of welcome to the new members of the Security Council and of thanks to the outgoing members of the Security Council

The President (*interpretation from Spanish*): As this is the first meeting of the Security Council to be held this year, I should like to welcome the new members of the Council: Botswana, Germany, Honduras, Indonesia and Italy. We all look forward with confidence to their participation in the work of the Council, which will be of invaluable assistance in the discharge of the Council's enormous responsibilities as it tackles so many challenges.

I should also like to express the Council's gratitude to the outgoing members for their important contributions to the Council's work. The representatives of Brazil, Djibouti, New Zealand, Pakistan and Spain all, in an excellent manner, contributed their talents to the conduct of the business of the Council.

Expression of thanks to the retiring President

The President (*interpretation from Spanish*): I should also like to pay a tribute to my predecessor, Ambassador Manzi Bakuramutsa of Rwanda, for the service he rendered as President of the Council during the month of December 1994. I express my deep appreciation to Ambassador Bakuramutsa for the skilful manner in which he conducted the Council's business last month.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The President (*interpretation from Spanish*): I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in which he requests to be invited to participate in the discussion of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Muhamed Sacirbey (Bosnia and Herzegovina) took a place at the Council table.

The President (*interpretation from Spanish*): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Security Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have received photocopies of a letter dated 6 January 1995 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council, which will be issued as a document of the Security Council under the symbol S/1995/8.

I should like to draw the attention of the members of the Council to the following other documents: S/1994/1389, report of the Secretary-General pursuant to Security Council resolution 959 (1994); and S/1994/1452, letter dated 27 December 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council.

Following consultations among members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

> "The Security Council welcomes the agreements between the Bosnian parties on a cease-fire and on a complete cessation of hostilities in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina concluded on 23 December 1994 and 31 December 1994 respectively (S/1995/8). It commends the efforts of all who worked to achieve them.
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> "The Security Council stresses the importance it attaches to immediate and full compliance with the agreements. It attaches the highest priority at this juncture to the timely completion of the various steps envisaged in the agreement on a complete cessation of hostilities. It looks to the parties and others concerned to cooperate fully with the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) in their implementation. The Security Council calls upon all forces to cease fighting around Bihac. It supports efforts in train to strengthen UNPROFOR, and encourages Member States to make available the personnel and equipment needed for UNPROFOR to supervise and monitor the agreements.

"The Security Council will continue its consideration of all aspects of the crisis in Bosnia and Herzegovina and of the Secretary-General's report of 1 December 1994 (S/1994/1389).

"The Security Council deems it imperative to intensify efforts under the auspices of the Contact Group to achieve an overall settlement on the basis of the acceptance of the peace plan of the Contact Group as a starting point. It will give its full support to such efforts".

This statement will be issued as a document of the Security Council under the symbol S/PRST/1995/1.

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on the agenda.

The Security Council will remain seized of the matter.

The meeting rose at 12.55 p.m.